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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 3, 2003, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Species A, claim 39 to prosecute in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-11, 13-38, 41-54 are generic.

Although it is acknowledged that species A and B are patentably distinct, it is respectfully submitted that a search and examination of these species would not seriously burden the Examiner. These species are generally related such that a search for one species would be similar to a search for the other species. Furthermore, the Examiner has already conducted several searches since this invention is a continuing application. As such, a substantial number of prior art has already been found. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction be withdrawn.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. LAM1P123).

Respectfully submitted,
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